

**PATIENT AGREEMENT  
CHARMED DIRECT PRIMARY CARE, LLC**

This is an Agreement entered into on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, between Charmed Direct Primary Care, a Mississippi Limited Liability Company (Practice, Us or We), and \_\_\_\_\_ (Patient or You).

**Background**

The PRACTICE is a direct pay primary care practice (DPC), which delivers primary care services through its physician, Dr. Wendy Ballenger (Physician), at 7148 Kerr Street, Suite 110, Olive Branch, Mississippi 38654. In exchange for certain fees, the PRACTICE agrees to provide You with the Services described in this Agreement on the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement.

**Definitions**

**1. Patient.** In this Agreement, "Patient" means the persons for whom the Physician shall provide care, and who have signed this agreement or are listed on the document attached as Appendix B, which is a part of this agreement.

**2. Services.** In this Agreement, "Services," means the collection of services, offered to you by Us in this Agreement. These Services are listed in Appendix A(1), which is attached and a part of this Agreement.

**Agreement**

**3. Term.** This Agreement will last for one year, starting on \_\_\_\_\_.

**4. Renewal.** The Agreement will automatically renew each year on the anniversary date of the Agreement unless either party cancels the Agreement by giving 30 days written cancellation notice.

**5. Termination.** Regardless of anything written above, You always have the right to cancel this agreement. Either party can end this agreement at any time by giving the other party 30 days written notice.

**6. Payments and Refunds – Amount and Methods.** In exchange for the Services (see Appendix A(1)), You agree to pay Us, a monthly fee in the amount that appears in Appendix C, which is attached and is part of this Agreement.

- a) This monthly fee is payable when you sign the Agreement, and is due on the same day of each month thereafter.
- b) The Parties agree that the required method of monthly payment shall be by automatic payment through a debit or credit card, or automatic bank draft.

c) If this Agreement is cancelled by either party before the Agreement ends, We will review and settle your account as follows:

- (i) We will refund to You the unused portion of your fees on a per diem basis; or
- (ii) If Value of the Services you received over the term of the Agreement exceeds the amount You paid in membership fees, You shall reimburse the PRACTICE in an amount equal to the difference between the value of the services received and the amount You paid in membership fees over the term of the Agreement. The Parties agree that the value of the services is equal to the PRACTICE's usual and customary fee-for-service charges. A copy of these fees is available on request.

**7. Non-Participation in Insurance.** Your initials on this clause of the Agreement acknowledges the Patient's understanding that neither the PRACTICE, nor its Physician, participate in any health insurance or HMO plans or panels and cannot accept Medicare-eligible patients. We make no representations that any fees that You pay under this Agreement are covered by your health insurance or other third-party payment plans. It is the Patient's responsibility to determine whether reimbursement is available from a *private, non-governmental* insurance plan and to submit any required billing. \_\_\_\_\_ **(Initial)**

**8. WE CANNOT Accept Medicare Patients.** Your initials on this clause of the Agreement acknowledges the Patient's understanding that at this time, Medicare Patients are not eligible to be treated by the PRACTICE or its Physician, and Medicare cannot be billed for any services performed by the same. Therefore, Patient acknowledges that s/he is neither a Medicare beneficiary nor Medicare eligible. The Patient agrees that if s/he will become eligible during the term of this Agreement, s/he will notify the PRACTICE within 60 days of becoming eligible and this agreement will be terminated upon Medicare eligibility. Any excess fees will be refunded to Patient, and the PRACTICE will make every effort to provide the Patient with names and contacts for primary care alternatives. \_\_\_\_\_ **(Initial)**

**9. This Is Not Health Insurance.** Your initials on this clause of the Agreement acknowledges Your understanding that **this Agreement is not an insurance plan or a substitute for health insurance.** You understand that this Agreement does not replace any existing or future health insurance or health plan coverage that You may carry. This Agreement does not include hospital services, or any services not personally provided by the PRACTICE or its employees. You acknowledge that the PRACTICE has advised You to obtain, or keep in full force, health insurance that will cover You for healthcare not personally delivered by the PRACTICE, and for hospitalizations and catastrophic events. **You understand that this Agreement alone does**

**not satisfy the health benefit requirements as established in the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA), and that without adequate insurance coverage, in addition to this Agreement, You may be subject to fines and penalties associated with the ACA. \_\_\_\_ (Initial)**

**10. Communications.** The Patient acknowledges that although PRACTICE shall comply with HIPAA privacy requirements, communications with the Physician using e-mail, facsimile, video chat, cell phone, texting, and other forms of electronic communication can never be absolutely guaranteed to be secure or confidential methods of communications. As such, **Patient expressly waives the Physician's obligation to guarantee confidentiality with respect to the above means of communication.** Patient further acknowledges that all such communications may become a part of the medical record.

By providing an e-mail address and cell phone number on the attached Appendix B, the Patient authorizes the PRACTICE, and its Physicians to communicate with him/her by e-mail or text message regarding the Patient's "protected health information" (PHI).<sup>1</sup> The Patient further acknowledges that:

- (a) E-mail and text message are not necessarily secure mediums for sending or receiving PHI, and there is always a possibility that a third party may gain access;
- (b) Although the Physician will make all reasonable efforts to keep e-mail and text communications confidential and secure, neither the PRACTICE nor the Physician can assure or guarantee the absolute confidentiality of these communications;
- (c) At the discretion of the Physician, e-mail and/or text communications may be made a part of Patient's permanent medical record; and
- (d) You understand and agree that e-mail and text messaging are not an appropriate means of communication in an emergency, for time-sensitive problems, or for disclosing sensitive information. **In an emergency, or a situation that You could reasonably expect to develop into an emergency, You understand and agree to call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room, and follow the directions of emergency personnel.**
- (e) Email/Text Messaging Usage. **If You do not receive a response to an e-mail or text message within 48 hours, You agree that you will contact the Physician by telephone or other means.**
- (f) Technical Failure. Neither the PRACTICE, nor the Physician will be liable for any loss, injury, or expense arising from a delay in responding to Patient, when that

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<sup>1</sup> as that term is defined in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 and its implementing regulations.

delay is caused by technical failure. Examples of technical failures: (i) failures caused by an internet or cell phone service provider; (ii) power outages; (iii) failure of electronic messaging software, or e-mail provider; (iv) failure of the PRACTICE's computers or computer network, or faulty telephone or cable data transmission; (iv) any interception of e-mail communications by a third party which is unauthorized by the PRACTICE; or (v) Patient's failure to comply with the guidelines for use of e-mail or text messaging, as described in this Agreement.

**11. Physician Absence.** From time to time, due to vacations, illness, or personal emergency, the Physician may be temporarily unavailable to provide the services referred to in Appendix A. In order to assist Patients in scheduling non-urgent visits, PRACTICE will notify Patients of any planned Physician absences as soon as the dates are confirmed. In the event of the Physician's unplanned absences, Patients will be given the name and telephone number of an appropriate provider for the Patient to contact. Any treatment rendered by the substitute provider is not covered under this contract, but may be submitted to Patient's health plan.

**12. Change of Law.** If there is a change of any relevant law, regulation or rule, federal, state or local, which affects the terms of this Agreement, the parties agree to amend this Agreement to comply with the law.

**13. Severability.** If any part of this Agreement is considered legally invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, that part will be amended to the extent necessary to be enforceable, and the remainder of the contract will stay in force as originally written.

**14. Reimbursement for Services Rendered.** If this Agreement is held to be invalid for any reason, and the PRACTICE is required to refund fees paid by You, You agree to pay the PRACTICE an amount equal to the fair market value of the medical services You received during the time period for which the refunded fees were paid.

**15. Amendment.** No amendment of this Agreement shall be binding on a party unless it is in writing and signed by all the parties. Except for amendments made in compliance with Section 12, above.

**16. Assignment.** This Agreement, and any rights You may have under it, may not be assigned or transferred by You.

**17. Legal Significance.** You acknowledge that this Agreement is a legal document and gives the parties certain rights and responsibilities. You also acknowledge that You have had a reasonable time to seek legal advice regarding the Agreement and have either chosen not to do so or have done so and are satisfied with the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

**18. Miscellaneous.** This Agreement shall be construed without regard to any rules requiring that it be construed against the party who drafted the Agreement. The captions in this Agreement are only for the sake of convenience and have no legal meaning.

**19. Entire Agreement.** This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties and replaces any earlier understandings and agreements whether they are written or oral.

**20. No Waiver.** In order to allow for the flexibility of certain terms of the Agreement, each party agrees that they may choose to delay or not to enforce the other party's requirement or duty under this agreement (for example notice periods, payment terms, etc.). Doing so will not constitute a waiver of that duty or responsibility. The party will have the right to enforce such terms again at any time.

**21. Jurisdiction.** This Agreement shall be governed and construed under the laws of the State of Mississippi. All disputes arising out of this Agreement shall be settled in the court of proper venue and jurisdiction for the PRACTICE in Olive Branch, Mississippi.

**22. Service.** All written notices are deemed served if sent to the address of the party written above or appearing in Appendix B by first class U.S. mail.

The parties may have signed duplicate counterparts of this Agreement on the date first written above.

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Wendy Ballenger, DO, for  
CHARMED DIRECT PRIMARY CARE, LLC

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Signature of Patient

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Patient (printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **APPENDIX A SERVICES**

1. **Medical Services.\*** Medical Services under this agreement are those medical services that the Physician is permitted to perform under the laws of the State of Mississippi, are consistent with Physician's training and experience, are usual and customary for a primary care physician to provide, and include the following:<sup>2</sup>

- Acute and Non-acute Office Visits
- Up to three osteopathic manipulation treatments each year. Additional treatments may be offered for an additional fee.
- Well-Woman Care/ Pap Smear\*
- Well-Baby Care, excluding vaccinations
- Electrocardiogram (EKG)
- Blood Pressure Monitoring
- Diabetic Monitoring
- Breathing Treatments (inhaler with spacer)\*
- Urinalysis\*
- Rapid Test for Strep Throat\*
- Removal of benign skin lesions/warts\*
- Simple aspiration/injection of joint
- Removal of Cerumen (ear wax)
- Toenail Removal\*
- Wound Repair and Sutures\*
- Abscess Incision and Drainage\*
- Basic Vision Screening
- Drawing basic labs. Labs and testing that cannot be performed in-house will be offered at a discounted rate through select vendors.\*
- The convenience of access to many commonly prescribed prescription medications at greatly reduced prices, dispensed on premises.\*\*

\*Patient is responsible for all costs associated with any procedure, laboratory testing, and specimen analysis.

\*\*Prescription medications dispensed by the PRACTICE pharmacy are subject to an additional charge, for which the Patient is responsible.

The Patient is also entitled to a personalized, annual in-depth "wellness examination and evaluation," which shall be performed by the Physician, and may include the following, as appropriate:

- Detailed review of medical, family, and social history and update of medical record;
- Personalized Health Risk Assessment utilizing current screening guidelines;

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<sup>2</sup> As deemed appropriate and medically necessary by the Physician.

- Preventative health counseling, which may include: weight management, smoking cessation, behavior modification, stress management, etc.;
- Custom Wellness Plan to include recommendations for immunizations, additional screening tests/evaluations, fitness and dietary plans;
- Complete physical exam & form completion as needed.

2. **Non-Medical, Personalized Services.** PRACTICE shall also provide Patient with the following non-medical services (“Non-Medical Services”), which are complementary to our members in the course of care:

- (a) **After Hours Access.** Patient shall have direct telephone access to the Physician seven days per week. Patient shall be given a phone number where Patient may reach the Physician directly for guidance regarding concerns that arise unexpectedly after office hours. Video chat and text messaging may be utilized when the Physician and Patient agree that it is appropriate.
- (b) **E-Mail Access.** Patient shall be given the Physician’s e-mail address to which non-urgent communications can be addressed. Such communications shall be dealt with by the Physician or staff member of PRACTICE in a timely manner. **Patient understands and agrees that email and the internet should never be used to access medical care in the event of an emergency, or any situation that Patient could reasonably expect may develop into an emergency.** Patient agrees that in such situations, when a Patient cannot speak to Physician immediately in person or by telephone, that Patient shall call 911 or go to the nearest emergency medical assistance provider, and follow the directions of emergency medical personnel.
- (c) **No Wait or Minimal Wait Appointments.** Reasonable effort shall be made to assure that Patient is seen by the Physician immediately upon arriving for a scheduled office visit or after only a minimal wait. If Physician foresees a minimal wait time, Patient shall be contacted and advised of the projected wait time.
- (d) **Specialists Coordination.** PRACTICE and Physician shall coordinate with medical specialists to whom Patient is referred to assist Patient in obtaining specialty care. **Patient understands that fees paid under this Agreement do not include and do not cover specialist’s fees or fees due to any medical professional other than the PRACTICE Physician.**

**APPENDIX B  
PATIENT ENROLLMENT FORM**

Monthly fees, as set out in Appendix C, shall apply to the following Patient(s):

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Printed Name	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	Age
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Street Address	City, State, Zip
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Home Phone	Work Phone	Cell Phone	Preferred email
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Spouse Name	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	Age
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Home Phone	Work Phone	Cell Phone	Preferred email
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***Child/Children to Whom this Agreement Applies:***

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Print Name	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	Age
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**APPENDIX C  
FEE ITEMIZATION**

0-17 years of age	\$50 per month
18+ years of age	\$100 per month
Enrollment Fee	\$300/household*

\*Non-refundable fee. Should your membership lapse or be terminated, the enrollment fee must be paid again for membership to become active.

Patient 1	\$ _____
Patient 2	_____
Additional Patients	_____
<b>TOTAL RATE</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>